

**CHAPTER NO. 239**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1817**

**By Crowe, Kurita**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 1939**

**By Curtiss, Coleman**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to excluding the value of veterans education benefits from eligibility determinations for certain public assistance programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-3-166. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, to the extent permitted by federal law, the value of federal veterans education benefits received by an applicant shall not be included as any form of income when making eligibility determinations for assistance under this part.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 4, Part 12, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-4-1210. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, to the extent permitted by federal law, the value of federal veterans education benefits received by an applicant shall not be included as any form of income when making eligibility determinations for assistance under this part.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 4, Part 11, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-4-1115. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, to the extent permitted by federal law, the value of federal veterans education benefits received by an applicant shall not be included as any form of income when making eligibility determinations for assistance under this part.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 4, Part 6, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-4-612. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, to the extent permitted by federal law, the value of federal veterans education benefits received by an applicant shall not be included as any form of income when making eligibility determinations for assistance under this part.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-4-118. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, to the extent permitted by federal law, the value of federal veterans education benefits received by an applicant shall not be included as any form of income when making eligibility determinations for assistance under this part.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-5-194. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, to the extent permitted by federal law, the value of federal veterans education benefits received by an applicant shall not be included as any form of income when making eligibility determinations for assistance under this part.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-5-315. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, to the extent permitted by federal law, the value of federal veterans education benefits received by an applicant shall not be included as any form of income when making eligibility determinations for assistance under this part.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-5-403. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, to the extent permitted by federal law, the value of federal veterans education benefits received by an applicant shall not be included as any form of income when making eligibility determinations for assistance under this part.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 13, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-5-1311. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, to the extent permitted by federal law, the value of federal veterans education benefits received by an applicant shall not be included as any form of income when making eligibility determinations for assistance under this part.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 14, is amended by adding the following as a new section:


71-5-1410. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, to the extent permitted by federal law, the value of federal veterans education benefits received by an applicant shall not be included as any form of income when making eligibility determinations for assistance under this part.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 15, 2003



JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2003



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